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Reporting Severe Weather Joe Goudswaard

We here in Arkansas see some of the wildest weather around. Ranging from tornadoes to ice storms, with everything in between, Arkansans have experienced just about all Mother Nature can throw at us. The National Weather Service relies on a team of dedicated weather enthusiasts to report real time weather information to us. Our storm spotters are trained to recognize severe weather before and during its occurrence. While we use our spotter network extensively, we welcome any severe weather report.

It should be noted that severe weather is not just restricted to spring. Severe weather can and often does occur any time of the year.

We also covet reports of winter weather such as heavy snow or icing conditions. To provide real time re-

ports, call your NWS in North Little Rock by using the following number:

1-501-834-0308



Please give your name and your location as precisely as you can. Please give the type of severe weather occurring, its location, the time you observed it, and its movement. The form below may be filled in and used if you so desire. Make numerous copies to use if you wish. You do not have to keep the form after you use it.

Please relay your report as soon as you can safely do so, it is needed in order to issue a new warning or monitor existing warnings in your area. Do not assume the National Weather Service already knows about it and therefore is not interested in your report. We are always looking for additional information. Yours is likely the first report of severe weather we may receive.

Additional reports are always appreciated in order to track the storm. If your report must be delayed, please pass it along as soon as you can. It is still very valuable. Simply put, if you observe severe weather, report it. If your report is more than 2 hours old, you can still call it in or file it on our Internet site:

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lzk>

Your Name _____
Your Location _____
Type of Storm _____
Location of Storm _____
Time of Storm _____
Movement of Storm _____
Damage _____